

CLAIMS

We claim:

5 1. A method of entering a new file directory on a
computer comprising:
 displaying a file navigation icon;
 displaying a file navigation dialogue window
 in response to a selection of said file navigation
10 icon, wherein said file navigation dialogue window
comprises a plurality of sections, and further
wherein each section includes a different directory
category, and each section includes at least one
15 directory in the category; and
 displaying contents of a directory in response
to selection of the directory in said file
navigation window.

20 2. The method of Claim 1 where said plurality of
sections comprises:
 a first section comprising a list of
predefined default directories;
 a second section comprising at least one user
25 selected directory; and
 a third section comprising a last used
directory.

30 3. The method of Claim 2, wherein the predefined
default directories contain a document templates
directory.

35 4. The method of Claim 2, wherein style and
content of the file navigation dialogue window are
independent of the current document context.

5. The method of Claim 2, wherein the last used directory contains a latest used directories of the present computer or network session.

5 6. The method of Claim 2, wherein the list of user-defined directories includes a shared user directory accessible to a plurality of users.

10 7. A method of entering a new file directory on a computer comprising:

displaying a file open window including a file navigation icon wherein contents of a first directory are displayed in said file open window;

15 displaying a file navigation dialogue window in response to a selection of said file navigation icon, wherein said file navigation dialogue window comprises a plurality of sections, and further wherein each section includes a different directory category, and each section includes at least one directory in the category; and

20 displaying contents of a second directory, selected in said file navigation window, in said file open window where there is no predefined hierarchical relationship between said first directory and said second directory.

25 8. The method of Claim 7 wherein said plurality of sections comprises:

30 a first section comprising a list of predefined default directories;

a second section comprising at least one user selected directory; and

35 a third section comprising a last used directory.

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11. The method of Claim 8, wherein the last used
10 directory contains the latest used directories of the
present computer or network session.

13. A computer graphic user interface comprising:
a file open window further comprising:
a directory content window; and
20 a file navigation icon wherein upon a first
action on said file navigation icon, contents of a
directory are displayed in said directory content
window; and upon a second action on said file
navigation icon, a file navigation dialogue window
25 is displayed.

14. The computer graphic user interface of
Claim 13 wherein said file navigation dialogue window
further comprises:

30 a first section comprising a list of
predefined default directories;
 a second section comprising at least one user
selected directory; and
 a third section comprising a last used
35 directory.

15. The computer graphic user interface of Claim 14, wherein the predefined default directories contain document templates directory.

5 16. The computer graphic user interface of Claim 14, wherein style and content of the file navigation dialogue window are independent of the current document context.

10 17. The computer graphic user interface of Claim 14, wherein the last used directory contains the latest used directories of the present computer or network session.

15 18. The computer graphic user interface of Claim 14, wherein the list of user-defined directories includes a shared user directory accessible to a plurality of users.

20 19. A computer program product for entering a new file directory having program code adapted for:
displaying a file navigation icon;
displaying a file navigation dialogue window
in response to a selection of said file navigation
25 icon, wherein said file navigation dialogue window comprises a plurality of sections, and further wherein each section includes a different directory category, and each section includes at least one directory in the category; and
30 displaying contents of a directory in response to selection of the directory in said file navigation window.

35 20. The computer program product of Claim 19 wherein said plurality of sections comprises:

a first section comprising a list of predefined default directories;

a second section comprising at least one user selected directory; and

a third section comprising a last used directory.

21. A computer program product for entering a new file directory having program code adapted for:

displaying a file open window including a file navigation icon wherein contents of a first directory are displayed in said file open window;

displaying a file navigation dialogue window in response to a selection of said file navigation icon, wherein said file navigation dialogue window comprises a plurality of sections, and further wherein each section includes a different directory category, and each section includes at least one directory in the category; and

displaying contents of a second directory, selected in said file navigation window, in said file open window where there is no required predefined relationship between a storage location of said contents of said first directory and a storage location of said contents of said second directory.

22. The computer program product of Claim 21 wherein said plurality of sections comprises:

a first section comprising a list of predefined default directories;

a second section comprising at least one user selected directory; and

a third section comprising a last used directory.

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23. An apparatus comprising:
a processor; and
a memory coupled to said processor, and
storing a method of entering a new file directory
wherein upon execution of said method on said
processor, said method comprises:

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displaying a file navigation icon;
displaying a file navigation dialogue
window in response to a selection of said file
navigation icon, wherein said file navigation
dialogue window comprises a plurality of
sections, and further wherein each section
includes a different directory category, and
each section includes at least one directory
in the category; and

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displaying contents of a directory in
response to selection of the directory in said
file navigation window.

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24. The apparatus of Claim 23 wherein said
plurality of sections comprises:

a first section comprising a list of
predefined default directories;

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a second section comprising at least one user
selected directory; and

a third section comprising a last used
directory.

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